

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

Please amend claims 11, 12 and 17-20 wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough and double brackets indicate deletions. Please cancel claims 1-10 and 13-16 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap according to claim 8, wherein threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle; and

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween;

wherein the holding wall comprises a protruding wall protruding from the terminal wall and bent to the sealing member side, the protruding wall is formed into a cylindrical shape and surrounds the sealing member[.]], the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

12. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap according to claim 9, wherein threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle; and

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween;

wherein the holding wall comprises a protruding wall protruding from the terminal wall and bent to the sealing member side, the protruding wall is formed into a cylindrical shape and surrounds the sealing member[. . .], at least one of the terminal wall, the holding wall, and a portion of the holding wall opposed to the protruding wall is provided with an engagement protrusion biting into the sealing member, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

13 - 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap according to claim 13, wherein threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle;

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween; and

a generally cylindrical cover fitted with an outer periphery of the cap so as to surround the sealing member, the cylindrical cover [[is]]being made of a transparent or semi-transparent synthetic resin[. .].

wherein the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

18. (Original) A nozzle cap according to claim 14, wherein threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle;

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween; and

a generally cylindrical cover fitted with an outer periphery of the cap so as to surround the sealing member, the cylindrical cover [[is]]being made of a transparent or semi-transparent synthetic resin[. .].

wherein the holding wall comprises a protruding wall protruding from the terminal wall and bent to the sealing member side, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

19. (Original) A nozzle cap according to claim 15, wherein threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle;

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween; and

a generally cylindrical cover fitted with an outer periphery of the cap so as to surround the sealing member, the cylindrical cover [[is]]being made of a transparent or semi-transparent synthetic resin[.].];

wherein the holding wall comprises a protruding wall protruding from the terminal wall and bent to the sealing member side, at least one of the terminal wall, the holding wall, and a portion of the holding wall opposed to the protruding wall is provided with an engagement protrusion biting into the sealing member, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.

20. (Currently Amended) A nozzle cap according to claim 16, wherein threadedly engaged with a distal end of a nozzle through which a compressed fluid is capable of passing, the nozzle cap comprising:

a terminal wall opposed to a distal end face of the nozzle axially with respect to the nozzle;

a sealing member placed on the terminal wall so as to adhere closely to the distal end of the nozzle thereby to seal an opening of the nozzle;

a holding wall pressing and holding an edge of the sealing member in co-operation with the terminal wall therebetween; and

a generally cylindrical cover fitted with an outer periphery of the cap so as to surround the sealing member, the cylindrical cover [[is]] being made of a transparent or semi-transparent synthetic resin[[.]];

wherein the holding wall is disposed at a position where the distal end face of the nozzle is butted against the holding wall, the nozzle has a tapered face formed on the distal end thereof, the sealing member includes an adherent protrusion which protrudes toward the tapered face of the nozzle and a flat portion located inside or outside the adherent protrusion, and wherein the holding wall and the terminal wall hold the flat portion of the sealing member therebetween.